IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: Suong-Hyu HYON et al

Serial Number: 08/640,738

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ULTRA HIGH MOLECULAR WEIGHT POLYETHYLENE MOLDED ARTICLE FOR

ARTIFICIAL JOINTS AND METHOD OF PREPARING THE SAME

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: September 10, 1999

Group Unit: 3738

Examiner: T. Nguyen

Sir:

For:

Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated May 10, 1999, for one month from August 10, 1999 to September 10, 1999.

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Respectfully submitted,

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